



Woodside



## Benefits of Skills-based Volunteering

- ✓ The transfer of skills, knowledge and technical expertise
- ✓ Save on time and resources that can otherwise be spent on service delivery
- ✓ Building new relationships with not-for-profits and skilled volunteers

## PROJECT PLANNING FOR WANSLEA

Wanslea is a registered charity that promotes community, family, and individual development through partnerships and services in four key areas: out of home care, family support, community capacity building, and early years learning and intervention.

In response to the findings of a two year research project to better understand the impact of the caring role on grandparents who take up the full time care of their grandchildren, Wanslea partnered with Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA to create a federal election strategy.

While continuing to advocate at a federal level, the team were turning their attention to the state level, and sought the assistance of a skilled volunteer to assist with planning their campaign for upcoming state election. The organisation reached out to Volunteering WA to help find the right person.

A Senior Planner at Woodside had years of experience in project planning and management along with an interest in volunteering and giving back to the community. A match was quickly made and the project kicked off with an initial meeting with the volunteer and Dr Katrina Stratton, Wanslea's Manager Research and Evaluation.

While COVID-19 presented some challenges throughout the project, the volunteer was undeterred and delivered the desired key output of a documented project plan to be executed by the Wanslea team in the lead up to the state election.

Katrina and the Wanslea team were delighted to have the guidance of someone so experienced in project planning and reported that the planning document provided would be of great use to the organisation.

Likewise, the volunteer reported that through volunteering he had a greater awareness of wider social issues, an increased sense of happiness and well-being, as well as a heightened sense of pride in and commitment to the company.

Excellent results for all involved. Thank you for your volunteering contribution!